

September 1st, 2026

County Commissioners Meeting

at Hamlin County Courthouse (300 4th Street; Hayti, SD)

on Second Floor in Commissioners Room (go through Auditor's Office)

09:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes
09:35 Highway Dept & Truck Box Bids
10:20 Road Plan Hearing
10:30 Public Comment
10:40 First Reading Ordinance 2026-06
10:45 Zoning Board Member
11:00 Budget Hearing
11:10 Executive Session if needed
11:20 Automatic Supplement Sheriff Grant
11:25 Plats
11:30 Contract Law Agreements
11:35 Sheriff Dept training
11:40 Bills

Minutes:

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Commissioners met on Sept 1 ,2026 with the following members present: Rudebusch, Saathoff, Tulson,Buck and Popham. No one absent. Also present was John Delzer States Attorney, Diane Anderson reporter and Tiffany Stormo.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion by Saathoff to approve the agenda with an addition to it for the Director of Equalization to meet with the Board. Seconded by Tulson. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Buck seconded by Popham to approve the minutes of August 18,2026 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Bryan Pedersen Highway Supt met with the Board. He stated the new truck is in and the company is putting on the additions. He stated that the insurance company had paid directly to the county 17,084.00 to repair the Mack truck that was damaged by a blown tire . Bryan stated it would cost about 4000 to repair it with used parts and the dept could do the repairs. He requested to rent a tractor for 30.00 an hour from Eastside Equipment for 200 hours or less to do the ditch mowing. The Board approved such. He stated that the striping of the road north of Estelline and the road in Florence Township will be done in Sept. No bids were received on the truck box that was surplus and advertised for sale.

FIVE YEAR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2027-2031: Hearing on such was held as advertised. All township boards had been notified of hearing. Present for the hearing was John Delzer, Diane Anderson, Tiffany Stormo, Bryan Pedersen, Dixie Opdahl, Randall Rudebush, Larry Saathoff, Burt Tulson, Riley Buck and Scott Popham. Bryan went over the list of seven bridges that were on the list with a total of 9,413,000 cost to repair all of them. He stated there are 40 bridges in Hamlin County. The State had 1200 apply for this program with them approving 14 of them. Bryan explained the program of the estimates of cost. Second hearing of such will be Sept 15, 2026 No other comments were heard.

FUEL QUOTES: August 19 in Hayti E-30 Gas Hamlin County Farmers Coop 3.03 Farmers Union no bid August 26 in Hayti Diesel Hamlin County Farmers Coop 4.55 Farmers Union 4.59 August 31 in Lake Norden Diesel Hamlin County Farmers Coop 4.78 Farmers Union 4.77 All quotes do not contain certain taxes.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Donna Rhody Director of Equalization met with the Board. She stated that Angela Kranz who worked in her office as an appraiser had resigned effective Sept 11. Angela submitted a written resignation. The Board stated to advertise for the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wayne Noem Cleveland Twp officer met with the Board and asked questions about a bridge and culverts in Cleveland Twp. The Board asked about any water situation. The Highway Dept will check with neighbors around such to see what is needed.

The Board wanted the Auditor to check on Builders Risk insurance for the new 4-H building. The Auditor stated she had checked and the contractor carries such.

ORDINANCE 2026-06: The First Reading was held on Ordinance 2026-06 adding to conditional uses: Public buildings or facilities erected or established and operated by any governmental agency. The Public hearing on such will be held on Sept 15.

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Popham to make an automatic supplement to the Sheriffs Budget of 1264.63 (101-211-411) and to Revenue source (101-331.95) for Highway Safety Grant Reimbursement. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

PLATS: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Tulson to approve the following plats of Lots 9C and 10C Mundts Subdivision being a Replat of lots 9B and 10B together with the Southerly half of Subdivision in Govt Lot 1 of Section 31-T113N, R 52W of the 5th PM Hamlin County Norden Township and Plat of Lot 91A, Northbay Addition in Government Lot 9 in the SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 113 North, Range 53 West and in the SW ¼ of Section 36, Township 113 North, Range 53 West all of the 5th PM Hamlin County Norden Twp All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

CONTRACT LAW: Motion by Buck seconded by Popham to authorize the Chairman to sign the Shared Law Enforcement Services three year agreement with Estelline City for 4177.68 per month for 1248 hours of law enforcement for the year and 681.39 quarterly for non emergency dispatching and Hayti Town for 2262.91 per month for 676 hours of law enforcement for the year and 353.78 quarterly for non emergency. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

BUDGET HEARING: The first County Budget Hearing was held with no comment received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Tulson seconded by Buck to enter into Executive Session at 11:10 for personnel reasons (1-25-2) (1) All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. The Chairman declared them out at 11:16

SHERIFFS DEPT TRAINING: The Sheriffs office requested Deputy Felicia Lowe to attend a school safety tool SRP/SRM procedures in Pierre on Sept 2 and for Deputy Tayt Alexander and Deputy Tristan Molitor to attend a LECC Training in Sioux Falls on Oct 27-28 and for Deputy Tayt Alexander to attend a training in Sioux Falls Sept 15 which is required to receive the Highway Safety Grant. The Board approved the training.

CLAIMS PAID: COMMISSIONERS: Board mileage Riley Buck 54.60 Randall Rudebusch 47.60 Larry Saathoff 98.00 Scott Popham 37.80 Burt Tulson 36.40 Hamlin County Publishing 978.18 Hamlin County Registration 56.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 8600.00 benefits 3525.05 Total Commissioners expense 13,433.63

COURT: Kristin Woodall court transcript 1016.80

TREASURER: Visa supp 250.00 Hamlin County Registration 14.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 9742.10 benefits 3272.78 Total Treasurers expense 13,278.88

STATES ATTORNEY: Foley & Foley Law Prof serv 750.00 Hamlin County Publishing 90.10 Total gross salaries for complete dept 6093.00 benefits 2015.63 Total States Attorney expense 8948.73

COURTHOUSE MAINT: Visa supp 72.43 Watertown Handyman repairs 8367.36 Northwestern Energy Util 12.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 4450.00 benefits 1570.02 Total 14,471.81

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Donna Rhody insurance reimbursement 875.00 Hamlin Coop gas 40.21 Visa prof 452.98 Total gross salaries for complete dept 16,513.60 benefits 5168.59 Total Director of Equalization expense 23,050.38

SHERIFF: Amazon supp 43.80 AT& T cell phones and air cards 900.37 Galls supp 80.56 Jamison Ries travel 20.00 Brady Sandquist travel 20.00 Visa supp 211.75 W.W. Tire repairs 846.92 Total gross salaries for complete dept 40,067.76 benefits 14,048.38 Total Sheriffs expense 56,239.54

CORONER: Donna Thompson mileage 11.20 fees 300.00 benefits 22.95

MENTALLY ILL: Yankton County care 153.75

EXTENSION: Amazon supp 35.13 AT&T cell phone 47.67 Office Peeps repairs 90.16 supp 18.76 Visa supp 39.18 Judges Fees 1995.00 Judges mileage 1019.60 Total gross salaries for complete dept 6027.25 benefits 2076.59 Total Extension expense 11,349.34

WEED: AT&T cell phone 52.72 Hamlin Coop gas 1162.17 Total gross salaries for complete dept 6217.00 benefits 1771.80 Total Weed expense 9203.69

ZONING: Board mileage Robbie Fedt 18.20 Sterling Gehrke 8.40 Alex Holzwarth 14.00 Martin Prouty 15.40 Stuart Schubloom 15.40 Hamlin County Publishing 601.44 Total Per Diem fees 1400.00 benefits 322.28 total zoning expense 2395.12

ROAD: AT&T cell phone 89.21 Basin Construction pea rock 15,543.66 CNH -Titan parts 49.76 Duininck hot mix 57,081.72 Estelline City Util 27.65 Fleetpride parts 84.17 Hamlin Farmers Coop supp 23.65 fuel 11,603.95 Hamlin Bldg Center supp 11.98 parts 11.14 Hayti Town Util 57.00 Interstate repairs 1364.00 Jebro road oil 152,533.43 Jurgens Printing supp 599.00 Macs Hardware parts 4.00 Ottertail Util 25.56 Runnings parts 62.99 SD State Treasurer excise tax 304.83 True North Steel culverts 282.24 Visa supp 103.96 cell phone 1.05 Northwestern Energy Util 35.61 Vander Haags parts 3973.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 55,894.18 benefits 18,669.30 Total Road expense 318,437.04

EMERGENCY & DISASTER: AT&T cell phone 51.31 Hamlin Coop gas 587.02 Total gross salaries for complete dept 5387.00 benefits 1910.83

AG BUILDING: Northwestern Energy Util 12.00

AUDITOR: Hamlin County Registration 14.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 8159.00 benefits 2682.72

BOOKMOBILE: Total gross salaries for complete dept 4269.50 benefits 506.15

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Hamlin County Reg. 14.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 4269.50 benefits 506.15

WIC: Total gross salaries for complete dept 3889.20 benefits 530.88

COUNTY 24/7: Total gross salaries for complete dept 392.25 benefits 58.52

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 until Sept 15, 2026 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

Randall Rudebusch
Chairman

ATTEST:
Dixie Opdahl
Hamlin County Auditor

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